

DHS Component Actions
Hurricane IRMA – Atlantic Ocean
0600 ET, 9 Sep 2017

Updates in Bold and Blue

Overview

As of 0500 ET Hurricane IRMA continues moving west-northwestward at Category 4 strength. Hurricane and Storm Surge Warnings are in effect for the Florida Keys and much of the Florida peninsula. A turn toward the northwest is expected by late today, with a turn toward the north-northwest expected tonight or on Sunday. On the forecast track, the center of Irma will move near the north coast of Cuba today, near the Florida Keys Sunday morning, and then near the southwest coast of Florida Sunday afternoon. IRMA is expected to remain a powerful hurricane as it approaches Florida.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- FEMA Headquarters:
 - NRCC Level I (for Harvey & IRMA)
 - National IMAT-East 1 deployed to GA EOC
 - National IMAT-East 2 deployed to FL EOC
 - 22 Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) cadre members in support Hurricane IRMA
 - FEMA Corps: Teams deployed to PR and Atlanta Distribution Center
 - **US&R: 1,299 personnel deployed or preparing to deploy in support of IRMA response and recovery**
 - **Mobile Emergency Response Support and Mobile Communications Operations Vehicles are deployed in support of multiple IMATs and US&R missions, National Disaster Medical System, and Incident Support Bases (ISBs).**
 - **Increasing commodity capacity at multiple ISBs (Maxwell AFB, AL; Ft Bragg, NC; Fort A.P. Hill, VA; Groveland, FL); expect Maxwell AFB ISB to have 7.9 million meals and 10.2 million liters of water by 10 Sep**
 - **Coordinating movement of life sustaining commodities in PR and USVI**
- FEMA Region I:
 - Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC): Level III (day shift only)
- FEMA Region II:
 - RRCC: Level I (dayshift) and Level II (night shift) with select ESF support.
 - FEMA Region II IMAT locations:
 - Region II IMAT: St. Croix and US Virgin Islands (USVI)
 - Region X IMAT: PR
 - Staff from the FEMA Caribbean Area Division in PR to provide support to Commonwealth and local officials
- FEMA Region III:
 - RRCC: Level III

- FEMA Region IV:
 - RRCC: Level I; full activation
 - Region IV IMAT 1 and N-IMAT East two arrived at the FL EOC on 6 Sep; Region IV IMAT-2 at SC EOC
 - Region IV Liaison Officers (LNO) on site at FL, GA, SC, and NC EOCs
 - Regional Risk Analyst/Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT) is active at National Hurricane Center

Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- **CBP Region IV has staged Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) Members and multiple land and water based assets to in support of Hurricane IRMA response efforts. In addition, all available CBP Region IV assets have been redirected in support of Hurricane IRMA response efforts. CBP Region IV continues to communicate and coordinate with our employees, partners, and public/private stakeholders from initial impact to final disposition. CBP Region IV continues to assess plans, protocols, procedures, and processes to mitigate all potential threats associated with Hurricane IRMA.**
- **Incident Commander obtained space onboard the Caribbean Ferry to bring two box trucks with generators and emergency supplies to St. Thomas.**
 - **10 person DART that will assist with any employee accountability and recovery accompanied trucks.**
- **Situation Room SAT truck from HQ in place at Region IV EOC with technical support.**
- **Staged at Hammond, LA for immediate deployment:**
 - **77 DART personnel**
- **Due into Hammond, LA within the next 24-48 hours to link up with DART:**
 - **36 Border Patrol Special Operations Group members (SOG)**
 - **16 Border Patrol Search, Trauma, and Rescue members (BORSTAR)**
 - **15 member Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC)**
 - **25 Special Response Team (SRT) operators – Lead Field Coordinator Support Team 1**
- **Due into Moody Air Force Base, Georgia by 10 Sep:**
 - **25 SRT operators – ESF Quick Response Team 1**
- **CBP Impacted Personnel Accountability:**
 - **USVI & Puerto Rico: 796 out of 796 accounted**
- **CBP Impacted Personnel Evacuated: 350 personnel**
 - **USVI & Puerto Rico: 9 personnel**
 - **Caribbean (Bahamas): 44 personnel**
 - **CBP Florida: 297 personnel**
- **Office of Field Operations:**
 - **CBP facilities were likely severely damaged. Assessments still pending.**
 - **Operations in the Bahamas have ceased.**
 - **CBP Florida:**

- **CBP airport locations are ceasing operations.**
- **Ports have activated hurricane plans: Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) equipment protection, NII sources relocation, port command centers activation are ongoing.**
- **Port Recovery Teams have help secure some homes, and they will be ready to assist with recovery as soon as it is safe to do.**
- **An Incident Command Center established at Miami International Airport to coordinate with employees and stakeholders.**
- Atlanta Field Office:
 - **Ports of Savannah and Brunswick and Savannah Laboratory have ceased operations.**
- Office of Border Patrol
 - **Miami Sector: Vehicles and facilities have been secured and prepared**
- Air Marine Operations:
 - **Caribbean Air and Marine Branch is supporting relief and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and USVI.**
 - **As of 1530 hours, 8 Sep – 20 missions**
 - **Rescue Missions: 6**
 - **Logistical Missions: 12**
 - **Other Missions: 2**
 - **Caribbean Air & Marine Operations Center is operational.**
 - **National Air Security Operations Center-Jacksonville: Center facility is open to employees/families for shelter during and after hurricane.**
 - **All other locations completed securing all assets and ceased operations.**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- **Number of Displaced Personnel: 0**
- **Number of Evacuees: 312**
- HSI Rapid Response Team (RRT)
 - Deployment Posture: ESF-13 Quick Response Teams (QRTs) have not been established.
 - HSI Tactical Communications (TACCOM)
 - TACCOM has two Mobile Command Centers (MCC) and one communications van staged in Pensacola, FL. The vehicles and TACCOM personnel will be able to deploy to the affected areas as needed once the storm passes/or we deem it safe to travel in the MCCs.
 - A third ICE/HSI MCC is available from Houston, TX if needed. (scheduled to return to Dallas, TX on 9 Sep)
- Emergency Management Unit / Medical Countermeasures (MCM)
 - ICE MCM located in Field Office Director-Miami – Krome Detention Center remains in place. There is a generator on standby if electricity is lost.
 - ICE MCM located in Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Tampa remains in place. If power is lost, a team will be designated to enter the facility when it is safe to do so, and move the MCM via a government vehicle to SAC Atlanta.

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- Office of Acquisition Management
 - An additional 35 purchase cardholder's thresholds have increased to \$20,000. The total number of purchase cardholder's whose thresholds have increased are 53. All cardholders are with HSI (Miami, Tampa, Emergency Management Unit DC, San Juan, Atlanta, and Dallas).
- HSI Offices:
 - HSI Miami
 - **No change to general readiness.**
 - **All HSI personnel and family members are safe and accounted for.**
 - **Special Agent in Charge (SAC) is in place at the SAC office.**
 - 48 employees under mandatory evacuations.
 - 97 employees seeking shelter out of the AOR.
 - Employees have been instructed to contact Sector and leave contact information as well as contact local HSI office if conditions deteriorate at their shelter location so they can be accounted for.
 - HSI Tampa
 - **10 employees are under mandatory evacuation orders – 14 employees have voluntarily evacuated. Management is in contact with all evacuated employees.**
 - **Rapid Response Team (RRT) from the NCR is preparing to deploy to Florida. RRT NCR and RRT Tampa ASAC are communicating on where the NCR RRT should stage. Decision of location will likely be made tomorrow based on the latest predicted storm track.**
 - **Satellite phones destined for Jacksonville and Cocoa Beach were delivered today. Satellite phone destined for Orlando ASAC is scheduled to be delivered later tonight. That will complete all requests for satellite phones.**
 - **HSI CFA from Norfolk is in the Tampa AOR on family business. His flight was cancelled and he will be in the Tampa AOR until after the storm passes. CFA is in communication with HSI Tampa Program Manager and will report in twice a day unless he needs assistance, in which case he will report immediately. HSI Tampa has CFA's current address and contact information. HQ Ops and CFA's chain of command are aware of his location.**
 - HSI Atlanta
 - Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) Savannah, GA:
 - Nine employees affected by mandatory evacuation.
 - RAC Savannah is equipped with a satellite phone.
 - RAC Charleston, SC:
 - RAC Charleston is equipped with a satellite phone.
 - SAC Atlanta, GA
 - Executive leadership continues to monitor the expected path of Hurricane IRMA and will work with affected sub-offices on evacuation plans and damage mitigation.

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- RAC Columbia, SC
 - Preparing the office to mitigate damage to facilities, vehicles, and equipment.
- Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)
 - Miami
 - The Miami Field Office has successfully accounted for all ERO employees assigned to the San Juan, PR, Aguadilla PR, and St. Thomas, USVI resident offices.
 - All detainees housed at facilities in Florida and Puerto Rico have been accounted for.
 - **Atlanta**
 - **The Atlanta Field Office has successfully accounted for all ERO employees.**
 - **All detainees housed at facilities have been accounted for.**
- Office of Professional Responsibility
 - OPR San Juan
 - All OPR employees and their families are safe and accounted for
 - **RAC San Juan remains closed**
 - OPR SAC Southeast (Plantation, FL)
 - All 27 OPR employees are safe and accounted for.
 - Three employees are under a mandatory evacuation order.
 - Five employees have voluntarily evacuated.
 - OPR SAC Southeast is closed.
 - OPR Tampa
 - All seven OPR employees are safe and accounted for.
 - RAC Tampa is closed.
 - OPR FLETC and Brunswick
 - All three OPR employees are safe and accounted for.
 - Two employees are under a mandatory evacuation order.
 - OPR FLETC and Brunswick are closed.
 - OPR Atlanta
 - All four OPR employees are safe and accounted for.
 - RAC Atlanta is operational.
- Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
 - OCC offices in San Juan, Miami, and Orlando remain closed
 - All employees are accounted for in San Juan after storm passed
 - Numerous Miami employees are in mandatory evacuation zones and are evacuating.
- Office of the Chief Information Officer
 - **30 out of 40 OCIO staff in PR, USVI, FL, GA, and SC are accounted for (10 are working from normal worksite, 20 are sheltering in place, and 10 are no response). We will follow up on no responses AM, 10 Sep.**
- Office of Training and Tactical Programs
 - **All personnel are accounted for.**

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- 234 students and 35 staff and family members will relocate to the FLETC hurricane evacuation site in Douglas, GA (about 90 miles west) by 9 Sep.
- TDY instructors will return to their home offices.
- Permanent staff will shelter in place or relocate based on their individual situations and will maintain contact with their chain of command.
- At this point, FLETC will allow staging of RRTs on the Glynco campus, but that position is fluid as the situation changes.
- Management & Administration
 - At this time, all M&A employees in the impacted areas (PR, FL, GA, and SC) are accounted for, reported safe and in communication with their program.
- Office of Human Capital
 - All 4 OHC employees in FL and SC are accounted for and have not been evacuated.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

- Property Damage:
 - TSA Property: TBD
 - Two TSA employees on St Thomas report they lost their homes
- Operational Status:
 - San Juan (SJU): Airport is open; assessment has been conducted and the airport is ready for normal operations. Power is restored. No further screening support requested at this time.
 - Saint Thomas (STT): Airport is closed. Runway has heavy debris and FEMA is attempting to clear; Airport generator is back operational for now; Heavy damage to the terminal and surrounding infrastructure; Tower is in good shape with the exception of some water intrusion to the equipment room; No estimation as to how long it will take to open the tower/airport.
 - St. Croix (STX): open for emergency flights.
 - Rafael Hernandez (BQN): open with reduced capacity.
 - Mercedita (PSE): Open with normal operations.
 - Airports throughout FL and GA implementing closure plans. Reopenings expected to commence 11 Sep
 - 280 screening personnel are being pre-positioned at various airports to include ORD, BNA, DTW, BOS, and BDL for deployment to impacted airports.
 - Office of Information Technology is preparing TSA's critical infrastructure by bringing in backup power, rerouting network traffic out of impacted areas (where possible) and engaging appropriate vendors in advance.
 - Emergency Communication Mobile Response Vehicles (MRV) prepared to deploy from Moline, IL; three others on alert
 - Visual Intermodal Protection and Response (VIPR) presence for Special Agent in Charge / Federal Security Director support: On 9 Sep, VIPR teams from Washington Field Office (WFO) and San Francisco Office (SFO) will travel to Tallahassee (TLH), FL to provide support for the Federal Air Marshals Miami field office (MIA) AOR.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

- CONUS Locations – Field Operations (FOD):
 - **District 8: Number Pending, Reporting 100% employee accountability**
 - District 9: 348 of 363 accounted for post local evacuation orders, 15 pending contact.
 - District 10: 312 of 315 accounted for post local evacuation orders, 3 pending contact. Four employees under mandatory evacuations and 13 voluntarily.
- OCONUS Locations Field Operations (FOD):
 - Puerto Rico Field Office – Post Storm: 22
 - **MGNT employee on leave in PR is now accounted for.**
 - 14 employees reported without power and 6 employees reported without water
 - Virgin Islands: 6 of 15 personnel have reported in with limited communications.
- CONUS Locations – Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO).
 - Miami Asylum Office – Corrected office numbers is 120, with 111 of the 120 checked in today after local evacuation orders. 12 of 13 TDY personnel returned to home station, 1 pending return.
- **OCONUS Locations RAIO: Chief of Mission has issued orders to employees to Shelter-in-Place, if not evacuated out.**
 - **Havana – 2, sheltering in place pending storm passage.**
 - **Santo Domingo – 2, offices to open 11 Sep**
 - **Port-au-Prince – 2, offices to open 11 Sep.**
- **San Juan and USVI offices remain closed pending post storm evaluation**
- **Florida offices preparing for the storm as per the Hurricane OPLAN. Florida Direct 9 and 10 offices are closed through 11 Sep.**
- **Miami asylum office is closed through 11 Sep.**

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

- Sector San Juan conducting post storm assessment and reconstitution plans.
- District 5 (D5), all units are at Port Condition Normal.
- **Hurricane Condition I set for Sector Key West, Sector Miami, Air Station Miami, Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET)-South, Marine Safety and Security Team-91104, SOUTHCOM**
- **Hurricane Condition II set for Sector St. Petersburg, Air Station Clearwater, and Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) Jacksonville.**
- **Hurricane Condition III set for Sector Charleston, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Savannah, Maritime Force Protection Unit (MFPU) Kings Bay, Air Station Savannah, Air Facility Charleston**
- **Port Condition ZULU set for Key West, Port Canaveral, West Palm Beach, Miami/Port Everglades**
- **Port Condition YANKEE set for San Juan (daylight only), Tampa/Ft Myers, Port Manatee, St. Thomas, St. Croix**
- Sector San Juan conducting port assessments in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Croix

- USCG Air Station Savannah is Partially Mission Capable and USCG Air Facility Charleston non-mission capable due to Hurricane HARVEY support. USCG Station San Juan is non-mission capable.
- Continuity of Operations (COOP):
 - District 7 COOP to St. Louis, MO.
 - Sectors Miami/Key West communications centers to Martinsburg, WV.
 - Sector Miami/Base Miami to Opa Locka, FL facility.
- Post-Storm SAR:
 - USCG receiving calls from citizens with family/friends in St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and Anguilla requesting assistance
 - Sector San Juan establishing multi-agency coordination center for Caribbean
 - Two aircraft enroute to transfer 43 patients from St. Croix to Puerto Rico
- Cutter Operations
 - Seven Sector San Juan patrol boats moored at Curacao
 - **Sectors Key West, St Petersburg, and Miami (Four Cutters and 21 patrol boats) sortied to the Yucatan Pass**
 - **Sector Charleston assets (one Cutter and four patrol boats) moving north**

National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD)

- NCCIC:
 - FEMA Mission assignments for three personnel to the Region IV RRCC and one person to the Region II RRCC
 - Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C) Pensacola, FL facility is working with Navy personnel in Corry Station to maintain situational awareness and develop courses of action should the area be impacted.
 - NCCIC and NSD leadership in Pensacola are also working with the NCR counterparts to develop courses of action should they need to move program operations out of Florida temporarily.
- Infrastructure Protection (IP) / Protective Security Coordination Division
 - Protective Security Advisors (PSA) and Chemical Security Inspectors (CSI) in Puerto Rico are accounted for.
 - PSAs Orlando and New York are manning 12-hour shifts for 24-coverage at the FEMA RII Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) with PSA NJ assisting.
 - A CSI is covering the 24-hour RRCC shift for the Infrastructure Security Compliance Division.
- Federal Protective Service (FPS)
 - **Inspectors in Puerto Rico have been checking the status of FPS facilities as roads & conditions allow.**
 - **AC Lassen in conjunction with GSA personnel will attempt travel from Puerto Rico to St. Thomas via DEA Aircraft.**
 - **Team is standing by to depart to the USVI & Puerto Rico as soon as safe & reliable transportation, facilities and other logistics can be secured.**

- **Seven Inspectors, one K-9, one Special Agent, one Area Commander, four Support personnel, three Dispatchers, the Mobile Communications Vehicle and SUV, are currently en route to Orlando.**
- **FPS personnel in Florida have completed Phase I of the Regional Operation Plan, taking care of their families, removing them from harm's way.**
- **One LEO in the mandatory evacuation zone is relocating, location TBD; and one Contract Employee is relocating to a hotel in Atlanta.**
- Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM)
 - OBIM will continue to monitor the storm and transfer IDENT operations to the safest Data Center, if necessary. The loss of one Data Center would create a long term effect on some DHS and partner agency operations, with remaining matching capacity devoted to border entry and law enforcement activities during the day; catching up on national security, immigration, visa, and credentialing queries overnight. Biometric Support Center West in San Diego is scheduled to perform all manual verifications for the weekend and can extend that coverage if Biometric Center East (Rosslyn, VA) becomes unavailable. National Capital Region staff are advised to prepare for situational telework.

Domestic Nuclear Detection Office

- DNDO has no personnel in the affected region.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

- FLETC Glynco, GA will be relocating all students to their Douglas, GA evacuation site at South Georgia Community College by 9 Sep.
- FLETC Charleston, SC will be relocating all students to their evacuation site at Fort Gordon, GA Army Base by 9 Sep.